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## Press Release

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## Council Approves Emergency Declaration Action allows Town flexibility in virus response

On Tuesday evening, the Danville Town Council approved a Declaration of Local Emergency for the Town of Danville in response to the evolving threat of the novel coronavirus.

Town Manager Joe Calabrigo presented the resolution to the council, explaining that the declaration would authorize the Emergency Services Director to determine which Town services are essential governmental functions that will continue during the length of the order, designate employees and contractors necessary to perform the essential functions, and determine which Town facilities must remain open. In addition, it places a stay on the Town's normal procurement and purchasing policies in favor of the Town's emergency procurement policies for the duration. The emergency declaration will continue until terminated by action of the Town Council.

Calabrigo explained that with the measures put into place by Contra Costa County, and the State of California, it would be prudent for the Town to adopt the emergency declaration.

"Given these restrictions, the presence of the virus in Contra Costa County, and the need to preserve public health, it is appropriate for the Town Council to declare a local emergency," Calabrigo said.

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